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1. Every bomber regiment was supported by an Aviation Technical Battalion (Aviatsionnyi Tekhnicheskii Batalon). The 240th ATB was charged with the responsibility of serving the 748th Guards Bomber Regiment in every respect. It handled fuel requirements, food, clothing, hospital facilities, etc. The personnel figures shown in the various sections on the attached chart, are what I believe to be the present strength of the battalion. (The numbers hereunder refer to Chart, Enclosure (A).)
 - (a) The Battalion Commander (Komandir Batalona) is Lt Col (fnu) Pashkov. He was administratively subordinate to the commander of the 748th Guards Aviation Regiment. Operationally, he is responsible to both the commander of the 748th Guards Aviation Regiment and the Commander of the Air Technical Division with headquarters at Wien/Aspern.
 - (b) The Chief of Staff of the battalion (Nachalnik Shtaba Batalona) is Maj (fnu) Baryshnikov and directly responsible to the Commander of the battalion. He issues orders and directives in the name of the battalion commander.
 - (c) The deputy to the battalion commander for Political Affairs (Zamestitel Komandira Batalona po Politicheskoi Chasti) is Lt Col (fnu) Shuchalin. He is administratively subordinate to the Battalion Commander and operationally responsible to the Commander of the Aviation Technical Division for all political affairs within the battalion. He also directs the work of the Party and Komsomol with the battalion.
 - (d) The two secretaries of the Party and Komsomol Organizations (Sekretari Partii i Komsomolskoi Organizatsii) are two officers directly responsible to the Deputy to the Battalion Commanding Officer for Political Affairs. They control the activities of the Party and Komsomol Organizations within the Battalion.
 - (e) The Chief of the Club (Nachalnik Kluba) is Master Sergeant (fnu) Bauchkin. This club was for the use of officers, NCOs and EM and was under the supervision of the Deputy to the Battalion Commander for Political Affairs.

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- (f) The Senior Medical Officer (Starshii Vrach) was Maj (fnu) Tarabarov.
- (g) The hospital or first aid station serviced the Regiment and the ATB. This hospital handled only minor cases and could accommodate approximately 15 persons. All serious cases were handled by the main hospital located with the Central Group of Forces.
- (h) The Personnel Section (Officers, NCOs and EM) (Stroevoy Otdel). This section is directly subordinate to the Chief of Staff of the Battalion. It is responsible for the maintenance of the personnel records of the Battalion. It also issues all orders and requisitions.
- (i) The Secret Section (Sekretnyi Otdel) is subordinate to the Chief of Staff of the Battalion. The chief of this section is responsible for all classified documents of the Battalion. I think that this section handles all its own coding and ciphering.
- (j) The Communications Company (Rota Svyazi) is actually only a platoon. The officer in charge of this section is responsible to the Chief of Staff of the Battalion for the maintenance of telephone, telegraph and radio services for both the 748th Air Bomber Regiment and the Battalion.
- (k) The Airfield Service Company (Rota Aerodromogo Obsluzhivaniya) is responsible to the Chief of Staff of the Battalion for the maintenance and repair of the runways and buildings of the airfield.
- (l) The Finance Section (Finansovyi Otdel) is headed by Jr Lt Valentin Karpovich Kozlov. With his assistant, a Jr Lt (fnu) Drachkov, he is subordinate to the Chief of Staff of the Battalion and is responsible for the paying of all officers, NCOs and EM of the Battalion and the Air Regiment. The money to pay the men is procured from the Gosbank (State Bank) in Leising, Austria.
- (m) The Technical Supply Section (Technicheskaya Chast) is responsible for the procurement of technical equipment and supplies, motors, instruments, etc. and the issuance and maintenance of them.
- (n) The Technical Supply Warehouse (Technicheskii Sklad) is where all technical supplies and equipment for the regiment and battalion are stored.
- (o) The Chief of the POL Section (Nachalnik Goryuche-Smazochnyidi Materialov) is responsible for the procurement of gasoline, oil and kerosene for the Air Regiment and the Battalion.
- (p) The two POL Dumps (Sklady GSM) are for the storage of gasoline, oil, and hydraulic fluids, the other for the storage of kerosene and used oil. All used oil was reclaimed and returned to oil refinery for reprocessing.
- (q) The Vehicle Transportation Company (Avto-Rota) supplied the Air Regiment and the Battalion with all types of vehicle transportation. Approximately 20 vehicles were utilized. The majority of the vehicles were of the ZIS and GAZ type.
- (r) Garages and Repair Shops (Garazhi i Masterskie).
- (s) The position of Chief of Housing and Utilities (Barracks and Supplies) (Nachalnik Kvartirno-Eksplacatatsionnoi Chasti) calls for the rank of Sr Lt or Capt but, because of the lack of a qualified officer, a M/Sgt Pakhomenko was temporarily in charge of this section at the time of my departure. The section was responsible for the heating, lighting, water supply, equipping and furnishing of all quarters.
- (t) Utilities, Fuel and Furniture Warehouses (Sklad Kvartirno-Eksplacatatsionnogo Oborudovaniya).

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- (u) The Guards Company (Rota Ikhrany) is commanded by a Sr Lt. He is responsible to the Chief of Staff of the Battalion for the security and patrol of the Airfield.
- (v) The Quartermaster Section (Khozyaistvenaya Chast) is responsible for the control of food and clothing supplies of the Regiment and Battalion.
- (w) The Food Supply Section (Prodovolstvennyi Otdel) headed by Jr Lt (fnu) Stupin is responsible to the Chief of the Quartermaster Section for the procurement of all food supplies for the Air Technical Division, for the Regiment and for the Battalion. Local purchases of fruit, milk, etc. were permitted at the discretion of the officer in charge of the section.
- (x) The Clothing Supply Section (Veshchevoi Otdel) is responsible for the procurement and issuance of clothing and related supplies for the Regiment and the Battalion.
- (y) The Food Warehouse (Prodovolstvennyi Sklad) had enough food to supply the Regiment and Battalion for approximately 20 days.
- (z) Three Mess Halls (Stoloviye) were operated; one for the use of the Battalion and two for the use of the 748th Air Regiment.
- (aa) The Clothing Warehouse (Veshchevoi Sklad) is under the control of the Chief of the Clothing Supply Section. All clothing supplies for the Regiment and the Battalion are stored here.
- (bb) The Fire Department (Pozharnaya Komanda) has one ZIS type fire truck at its disposal.
- (cc) The Meteorological Station (Meteorologicheskaya Stantsiya) is responsible for supplying weather data for the base. It is administratively subordinate to the Chief of Staff of the Battalion and operationally subordinate to the Commander of the 748th Air Bomber Regiment.
- (dd) Battery Charging Station (Akkumulyatormaya Zaryadnaya Stantsiya).
- (ee) The Compressor Station (Kompessornaya Stantsiya) refilled air flasks used in aircraft.
- (ff) Oxygen Station (Kislородnaya Stantsiya) was not being utilized since the aircraft within the Regiment were not used for altitude flying.
- (gg) Chief of Ammunition Supplies (Nachalnik Boepitaniya) was responsible for the procurement and issuance of all types of armament such as bombs, bullets etc.
- (hh) Ammunition Dump (Sklad Boepitaniya) where all ammunition supplies are stored.

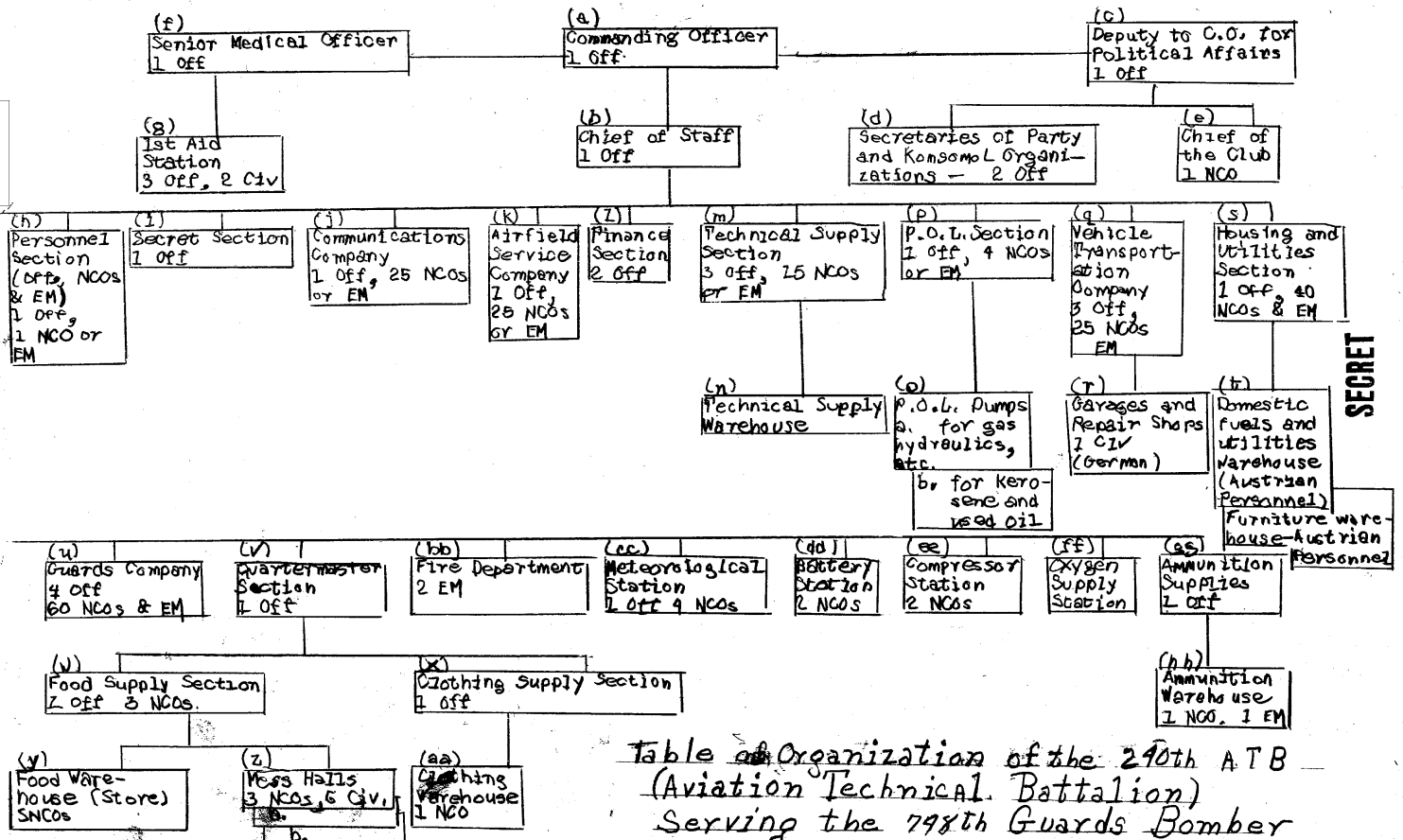
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Enclosure (A): T/O of the 240th Aviation Technical Battalion serving the 748th Guards Bomber Regiment.

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Table of Organization of the 290th ATB
(Aviation Technical Battalion)
Serving the 798th Guards Bomber
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